

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1. (Currently Amended) An information providing device for providing information on an exercise which possibly is to be overcome by a user, from among a plurality of exercises requiring the user to deal with characters individually within a time predetermined, comprising:

a storage means for storing data on the number of characters which is required in each of said exercises;

a measuring means for measuring a predetermined ability of the user to deal with characters by measuring the user's speed of recording specific predetermined sentences;

a retrieval means for retrieving data in the storage means which can be dealt with by the predetermined ability of the user measured by said measuring means within a predetermined time; and

an output means for outputting information on the exercise corresponding to the data retrieved by said retrieval means.

2. (Original) The information providing device according to claim 1, wherein said output means is a display means.

3. (Previously Presented) The information providing device according to claim 1, wherein said predetermined ability is an ability to read characters.

4. (Previously Presented) The information providing device according to claim 1, wherein said exercise is an examination held within a an examination time.

5. (Previously Presented) The information providing device according to claim 1, wherein said exercise is a preparation course for an examination which is to be held no later than an examination date.

6. (Previously Presented) The information providing device according to claim 3, wherein said exercise is a book lent by a library having a returning time.

7. (Previously Presented) The information providing device according to claim 1, further comprising a training means for training the user to deal with characters:

wherein said measuring means measures said predetermined ability of the user to deal with characters after the training by said training means;

wherein said retrieval means retrieves data which can be dealt with by the basic ability after the training measured by said measuring means within said predetermined time from among the data stored in said storage means; and

wherein said output means outputs information on the exercise corresponding to said data retrieved after the training.

8. (Currently Amended) An information providing system comprising:
an information communication network;
an information providing device for providing information on an exercise which possibly is to be overcome by a user, from among a plurality of exercises requiring the user to deal with characters individually within a time predetermined, said information providing device being connected to said information communication network; and

a terminal connected to said information network for outputting said information on the exercise;

wherein said information providing device includes:

a storage means for storing data on the number of characters which is required in each of said exercises;

a measuring means for measuring a predetermined ability of the user to deal with characters by measuring the user's speed of recording specific predetermined sentences;

a retrieval means for retrieving the data which can be dealt with by the ability of the user measured by said measuring means within said predetermined time, from among the data stored in said storage means; and

an output means for outputting information on the exercise corresponding to the data retrieved by said retrieval means.

9. (Original) The information providing system according to claim 8, wherein said output means is a display means.

10. (Previously Presented) The information providing system according to claim 8, wherein said ability is an ability to read characters.

11. (Previously Presented) The information providing system according to claim 8, wherein said exercise is an examination held within a an examination time.

12. (Previously Presented) The information providing system according to claim 8, wherein said exercise is a preparation course for an examination which is to be held no later than an examination date.

13. (Previously Presented) The information providing device according to claim 10, wherein said exercise is a book lent by a library having a returning time.

14. (Previously Presented) The information providing system according to claim 8, wherein said information providing device further comprises a training means for training the user to deal with characters:

wherein said measuring means measures said predetermined ability of the user to deal with characters after training by said training means;

wherein said retrieval means retrieves data which can be dealt with by the user after the training measured by said measuring means within said predetermined time from among the data stored in said storage means; and

wherein said output means outputs information on the exercise corresponding to said data retrieved after the training.

15. (Currently Amended) An information providing method for providing information on an exercise which is to be possibly overcome by a user, from among a plurality of exercises requiring the user to deal with characters individually within a predetermined time, comprising the steps of:

storing data on the number of characters which is required in each of said exercises;

measuring a predetermined ability of the user to deal with characters by measuring the user's speed of recording specific predetermined sentences;

retrieving the data which can be dealt with by said measured ability of the user within a predetermined time, from among said stored data;
outputting information on the exercise corresponding to said retrieved data.

16. (Previously Presented) The information providing method according to claim 15, further comprising the steps of:

training said user to deal with characters;
measuring the ability of the user to deal with characters measured after said training;
retrieving the data which can be dealt with by said ability of the user within predetermined time, from among said stored data; and
outputting information on the exercise corresponding to said retrieved data.